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## TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH NETWORK EXPANDS

At present, there are three times as many post, telegraph, and telephone lines in Bulgaria than before 9 September 1944. Recently, 188 villages have been included in the general Bulgarian telephone network. At present, no Bulgarian village with over 2,000 inhabitants lacks telephone communications. During 1951, a total of 9,370 telephone stations /booths? were erected. Villages such as Babuk in Silistra Okoliya, Zlatoklas in Dulovo Okoliya, Bezvoditsa in Tolbukhin Okoliya, and Voynikovo in Tervel Okoliya, which are far from large centers, now have telephone stations.

New automatic telephone exchanges have been established in Pazardzhik. Vratsa, and Lom. Modern equipment has been installed for international calls. This equipment makes it possible to send over 30 telephone and telegraph messages simultaneously via one copper cable.

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